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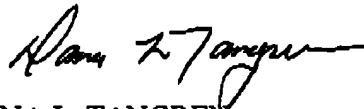
MUFFLER WITH SPARK ARRESTOR

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 is an Information Disclosure Statement, which includes the following statements, if any, required variously by 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

Statement of relevance of selected cited references not in the English language which are not translated.

Statement that selected cited references are substantially cumulative of an enclosed or previously submitted reference.

Statement that selected cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in a prior application which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. § 120.

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A. Additional Materials Required Due to Content of Information Disclosure Statement

Transmitted are the following documents in addition to the Information Disclosure Statement as required variously under 37 C.F.R. § 1.98:

- ☒ Form PTO-1449 listing 9 references submitted for consideration.
- ___ Copies of ___ of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449.
- ___ English translations of ___ (___) of the references listed on the Form PTO-1449 which are not in the English language.
- ___ Copies of the following documents from the prosecution of a previous, related application:
- ___ Form PTO-1449 AND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT; and
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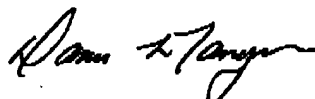
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Please find, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(1), the enclosed Form PTO-1449 which contains a list of all patents, publications, or other items that have come to the attention of one or more of the individuals designated in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c). While no representation is made that these references may be "prior art" within the meaning of that term under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 or 103, the enclosed listed references are disclosed so as to fully comply with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

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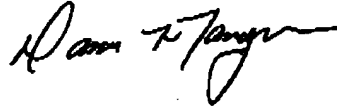
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___ 1	DES 424,492	05/09/2000	Bryant et al.
___ 2	4,239,091	12/16/1980	Negrao
___ 3	4,368,799	01/18/1983	Wagner
___ 4	4,834,214	05/30/1989	Feuling
___ 5	4,993,513	02/19/1991	Inoue et al.
___ 6	5,633,482	05/27/1997	Erion et al.
___ 7	5,831,223	11/03/1998	Kesselring
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___ 9	6,082,487	07/04/2000	Angelo et al.

Foreign Patent Documents

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References Cited by Applicants

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